AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Previously Presented) An insert molding die for a hollow component, comprising: an upper die;

a lower die arranged under the upper die, wherein the upper die and the lower die forms a cavity which accommodates the hollow component and is charged with molten resin;

a plurality of upper-die pin members disposed on the upper die movably up and down, wherein the upper-die pin members hold the hollow component in the cavity;

upper-die urging means disposed on the upper die to urge the upper-die pin members downwardly so that the upper-die pin members project from the upper die by opening the upper die and the lower die and the upper-die pin members pressed into the upper die by closing the upper die and the lower die, the upper-die urging means including a first spring for urging a selected upper-die pin member downwardly and a second spring for urging the selected upper-die pin member upwardly, an urging force of the first spring being larger than that of the second spring;

a plurality of lower-die pin members disposed on the lower die movably up and down so as to oppose the upper-die pin members respectively, wherein the lower-die pin members hold the hollow component in the cavity in cooperation with the upper-die pin members to form a gap between the hollow component and the lower-die; and

lower-die urging means disposed on the lower die to urge the lower-die pin members upwardly so that the lower-die pin members project from the lower die by opening the upper die and the lower die and the lower-die pin members pressed into the lower die by closing the upper die and the lower die, the lower-die urging means including a third spring for urging a selected lower-die pin member upwardly and a fourth spring for urging the selected

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lower-die pin member downwardly, an urging force of the third spring being larger than that of the fourth spring.

- 2. 4. (Canceled)
- 5. (Original) The insert molding die of claim 1, wherein the upper die is provided with injection means adapted to inject molten resin into the cavity.
- 6. (Original) The insert molding die of claim 5, wherein the lower die is provided with another injection means adapted to inject molten resin into the cavity.
- 7. 10. (Canceled)
- 11. (Previously Presented) The insert molding die of claim 1, wherein the selected lower-die pin member is provided with a locate pin for positioning the hollow component in the cavity.